

William Chris

VINEYARDS

Focused on Texas grown wines made in an Old World style with low-intervention winemaking. Since 2008, founders William "Bill" Blackmon and Chris Brundrett have sourced grapes from Estate vineyards and partners alike, prizing sustainable practices and the expression of Texan terroir.

2022 ARTIST BLEND Vintage Press Vineyard



Reviewed by Decanter in August 2024 and scored 93 points out of 100. James Suckling, who reviewed the wine in November 2024, scored it 91 points out of 100.

“A Rhône-style blend that is beautifully layered, complex and comfy. Soft tannins support mild cherry, beef and cocoa flavors on an ultra-smooth texture.” - Jim Gordon, JamesSuckling.com Executive Director



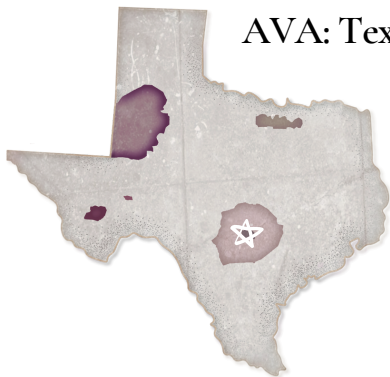
Keep it simple with food - a nice steak with bone marrow butter or lamb chop with demi-glace.

Every year since 2011 the Artist Blend has featured the artwork of a different talented artist. Inspired by the creative minds within the founding families, this series has grown into a competition that celebrates artists, who submit their artwork in a competition to be featured on the label of the newest vintage.

ARTWORK: "Tannins" by Agustina Rayner

VARIETIES: 32% Syrah, 30% Grenache, 27% Mourvèdre, 11% Tannat

Vineyard: Vintage Press Vineyard



AVA: Texas Hill Country

In 2016 Doug Wilcox planted 12 acres of the four grape varieties used in the Artist Blend, just a stones' throw from Hye, in Stonewall, Texas. The Texas Hill Country is the largest designated grape-growing region in Texas, spanning 9 million acres, and is home to some of the oldest soils and subsoils in the United States.

2022 VINTAGE: One of the driest vintages of the last few decades. About 40% reduced yield, heat that spurred ripening, and rain around harvest time led to an interesting, one-of-a-kind vintage.

WINEMAKING: Fermented in oak fermenter, stainless steel, and concrete for 15 days. Grenache aged in concrete. Others aged in 16% new French oak barrels and 5% new Eastern European oak barrels for 18 months.

AGE OF VINES: 6 years

Serve at 59 °F

SOIL TYPE: Clay loam over limestone

Drink now to 2038

ELEVATION: 1,450 ft

ABV: 14.3% | pH: 3.67 | TA: 5.80 g/L | RS: 0.68 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 1,100



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100% Texas grown wines.